



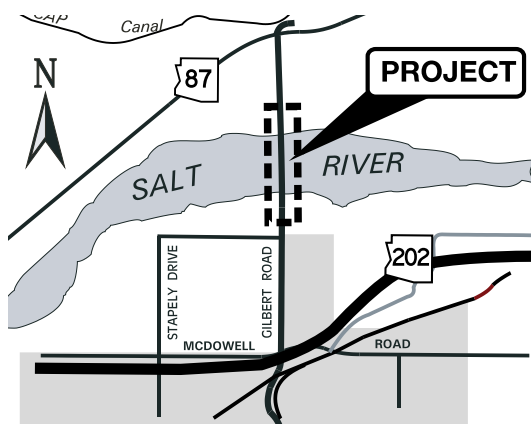
## MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CREATING NEW COMMUNITY HORIZONS

# Gilbert Road at the Salt River Low Flow Crossing Reconstruction Project

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### ROADWORK AHEAD



Mesa, AZ---Starting Monday, May 16, 2011, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) contractor will begin replacing the Salt River low-flow crossing at Gilbert Road. The low-flow roadway crossing was initially washed out during heavy flows in December 2007 and repair efforts were hampered when reconstruction was halted in February 2010 when

more heavy rains once again forced SRP to release water into the Salt River.

The roadway opening is slated for July.

interim low-flow crossing with a single bridge structure and approach roadway. Design plans include the building of a new, longer bridge and roadway that will span the Salt River between both roads.

The new roadway will be realigned to tie-in to the existing Gilbert Road at the Thomas Road intersection, and with the recent completion of Gilbert Road widening and improvements between McDowell Road and SR87, very little re-work will be necessary south of Thomas Road. North of Thomas Road, the six-lane alignment will continue across the Salt River to SR 87 where additional intersection improvements will be made.

The new Gilbert Road Bridge and much of the new roadway leading up to the new bridge can be constructed with minimal disruption to traffic, and upon completion, the old bridge structure will be removed along with the existing northbound low-flow crossing lanes through the river bottom.

New bridge construction is funded in part by MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) Regional Transportation Plan ([www.letskeepmoving.org](http://www.letskeepmoving.org)) and coordination efforts are currently underway among the partner jurisdictions to secure additional bridge construction funding.

### CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS:

Work hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Some weekend work may be required.

### LOOKING AHEAD! New Gilbert Road Bridge Crossing of the Salt River Currently Under Design

MCDOT is currently working with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and the City of Mesa to construct a new six-lane all-weather crossing of Gilbert Road at the Salt River between Thomas Road and SR87 that will carry both south and northbound traffic and replace both the existing bridge and the

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or need more information about this construction effort, call the 24-hour MCDOT construction hotline at **(480) 350-9288**.

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